



# **SPINNAKER CUP 2012**

## **San Francisco To Monterey**

### **Friday, May 25, 2012**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organizing Authorities: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, CA  
and Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Monterey, CA**

#### **1. RULES:**

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). From the hours of Sunset to Sunrise, the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* (COLREGS) shall replace Part 2 of the RRS. Use 2021 hours for Sunset on 5/25/12 and 0552 for Sunrise on 5/26/12.
- 1.2 Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with USCG Navigation Rules. If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies the boat by sail number, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated USCG Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 61.3. Compliance with RRS 60.2(a) shall not be required. The San Francisco Yacht Club and Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club will cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation of USCG Navigation Rules by the Coast Guard or other government authority.
- 1.3 The Minimum Equipment Requirements (MER) for this race are as specified by the OYRA (Ocean Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay). The MER can be found on the web at [www.yra.org/OYRA](http://www.yra.org/OYRA). Note the requirement (MER 4.19) that all participating boats must carry either a 406 MHz EPIRB or PLB.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing and on deck." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is changed for the Short Handed Sailing (SHS) class only, to allow the use of autopilots during the race. For singlehanded sailors, ratings will be increased by 12 seconds per mile.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors prior to the start will be posted on the official notice board located on the deck at The San Francisco Yacht Club. After the finish, notices will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club. All Notices will also be posted on [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), [www.mpyc.org](http://www.mpyc.org), and [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com).

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted (on the SFYC Notice Board and on [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), [www.mpyc.org](http://www.mpyc.org), and [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com)) by 1200 hours on Thursday, May 24, 2012. In the event of any changes, code flag "L" will be displayed ashore, on the main flagpole on the lawn at The San Francisco Yacht Club.

**4. CLASSES:** The classes for this race are determined using either the NCPHRF Rating or the displacement to waterline ratio (D/WL). They are designated as follows:

Class A: Any boat whose NCPHRF Rating is less than or equal to 0

Class B: D/WL Ratio less than 200 and NCPHRF less than 61

Class C: D/WL Ratio less than 200 and NCPHRF equal to or greater than 61

Class D: D/WL Ratio equal to or greater than 200

Class E: Short Handed Sailing (Any boat sailed Single-handed or Double-handed)

**5. RACE SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS:**

5.1 The first warning signal will occur at 1100 hours on Friday, May 25.

5.2 The expected starting order and class flags are as follows, except if any classes are divided, the additional class flags and revised expected starting sequence will be identified in the amendment posted by 1200 hours on May 24, at SFYC and on [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), [www.mpyc.org](http://www.mpyc.org), and [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). Class flags will be numerical signal flags.

Class	Class Flag
A	One
B	Two
C	Three
D	Four
E	Five

**6. RACING AREA AND COURSE :** The start will be located in the San Francisco Bay Knox Race Area, in the vicinity of the buoy R "2" Fl R 4s.

6.1 **Course 1** will be from the start to the finish line off Municipal Wharf 2 in Monterey.

6.2 **Course 2** will be from the start to the Golden Gate Main Ship Channel Buoy R8, Fl R2.5s whistle (approx. 6 NM from GG Bridge), leaving that to port, then to the finish line off Municipal Wharf 2 in Monterey.

6.3 For both courses, the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge shall be left to port, and any rocks visible at Mean Lower Low water immediately adjacent to Marin County or San Francisco shorelines shall be left to shoreward.

6.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

**7. START CHECK-IN:** All yachts shall check in with the Race Committee on VHF 65 between the hours of 1000 and 1055 using the yacht's primary fixed radio with masthead

antenna (see MER 3.29.1 (b)). This communication is required to verify proper radio functioning and will include questions about the number of crew on board. **Failure to complete this communication successfully shall result in a score of DNS without a hearing.** This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

**8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing, and OCS boats, on VHF Channel 65. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

**9. THE START:**

9.1 The race will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be after the start for the preceding class. **(This is not a rolling start sequence.)**

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the SFYC Race Committee signal boat and a red inflatable buoy.

9.3 A boat on the course side of the starting line that does not comply with RRS 29.1, or 30.1 if applicable, will receive a penalty of one hour added to her elapsed time. This changes RRS A4.2.

**10. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY:** The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty shall be 10 minutes added to the finish time. A yellow flag will not be required, but a boat taking a penalty must notify the Race Committee at the finish line. This changes RRS 44.3.

**11. THE FINISH:** The finish line shall be between the end of Municipal Wharf 2 in Monterey and a yellow inflatable finish mark located approximately 1000 feet to the east. The approximate location of the mark is: Latitude N 36:36.24, Longitude W 121:53.11. The finish mark may be illuminated with a white strobe light, flashing with a period of 0.5 second. Skippers are advised to check their charts and on board navigation instruments to verify the exact location of the finish line. Illustration A is provided for reference, not for navigation. As conditions permit, a large inflated, illuminated figure may be placed near the race committee location to visually demarcate the on-shore end of the finish line.

**12. FINISH CHECK-IN:**

12.1 Approximately 2 nm prior to their finish, all yachts shall check-in with the Race Committee using either VHF Channel 65 or Cellular Phone Number 831-224-3257. Failure to report will result in a score of DNF. This changes RRS A4.1. After crossing the finish line, all vessels which have reserved a berth in Monterey Marina shall switch to VHF Channel 5A for pilot guidance to their slip.

12.2 Random inspections will be made after the finish for compliance with the Minimum Equipment Requirements (MER). If selected, the RC will contact the yacht at the finish line and arrangements will be made for the inspection. Yachts which do not pass the MER inspection will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

12.3 All yachts not finishing by 1200 hours on Saturday, May 26 must take their own finish times and report to the Race Committee by posting the boat's name and finish time on the bulletin board located at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Municipal Wharf 2, Monterey, CA, **and** by calling 831-224-3257.

**13. TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for the race will be 1200 hours on Sunday, May 27, 2012.

**14. WITHDRAWAL/DNF:** All yachts withdrawing or not finishing by 1200 hours on Sunday, May 27, must report the fact to the Race Committee at MPYC, by calling 831-224-3257. Failure to report will be grounds for rejecting your entry in future races.

**15. PROTESTS:** Protests must be delivered to a member of the Spinnaker Cup Race Committee, at MPYC, Municipal Wharf 2, Monterey, CA, by 1200 hours on Saturday, May 26, or two hours after finishing, whichever is later. Notices will be posted on the Spinnaker Cup Bulletin Board at MPYC no later than one hour after receipt of the protest, to inform competitors of time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the approximate order of receipt.

**16. SCORING:** NCPHRF Ratings will be used to calculate the corrected times using the time-on-time (TOT) method.

**17. BERTHING:**

17.1 The SFYC guest docks will be available before the race to participants, starting on Wednesday, May 23.

17.2 In Monterey, the City of Monterey Harbormaster will allocate slips in the Municipal Marina to all participants who have filed a request form in advance. Individual slip assignments will be given to each boat after finishing, using VHF Channel 5A or Cellular Phone. The number for the Night Harbormaster is 831-594-7760. During daytime hours (0800 to 1600), the number for the Harbormaster is 831-646-3950. Note that slip fees are not included with the entry fee; you must check-in with the Harbormaster after you finish and before you enter the harbor, even if you are just dropping off crew.

17.3 Boats hauling out at the hoist may be temporarily docked at the MPYC guest docks.

17.4 The haul-out crane is to be operated by Harbormaster certified operators only. Coordinate haul-out time with MPYC Race Committee for operator availability.

**18. PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class, with the number of trophies depending on the number of entries per class. The Trophy Presentation will be held at MPYC as soon as practicable on Saturday, May 26. The time will be posted on the Spinnaker Cup Bulletin Board at MPYC.

**19. FEEDBACK:** To assist us in improving this event, we would appreciate receiving constructive feedback from competitors. After the regatta, please take a few minutes to send us any feedback. Email or fax to the SFYC Race Office, [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org), or 415-366-1483 (fax).

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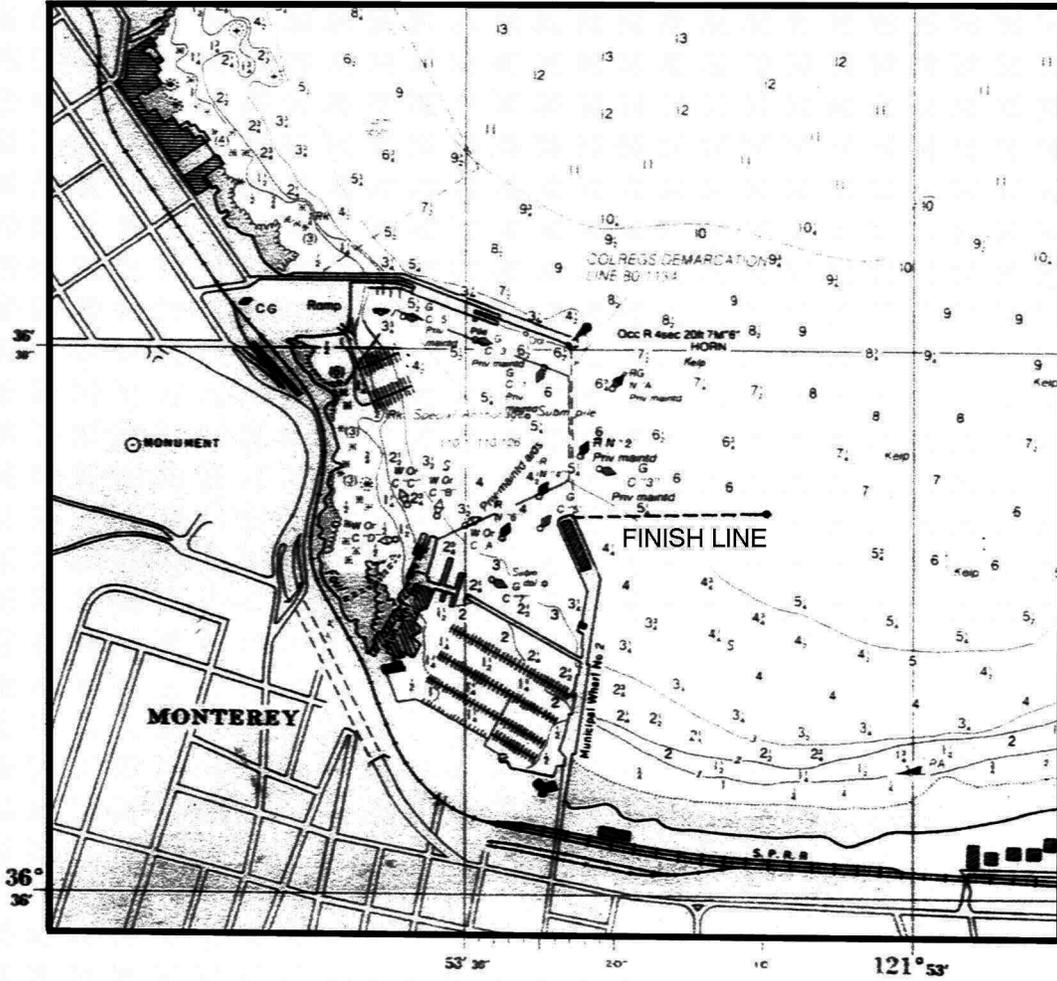


Illustration A: The Finish Line (chart for reference only, not for navigational purposes).